



528 – PRESCRIBED GRAZING IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Name:	Farm No./Tract No.:
Address:	Field Number(s):
Assisted by:	Financial Assistance Program:
Date:	Contract Number:

Practice Purpose(s) (check all that apply)											
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve or maintain desired species composition and vigor of plant communities. <input type="checkbox"/> To improve or maintain quantity and quality of forage for animal health and productivity. <input type="checkbox"/> To improve or maintain surface and/or subsurface water quality and quantity. <input type="checkbox"/> To improve or maintain riparian and watershed function.	<input type="checkbox"/> To reduce soil erosion. <input type="checkbox"/> To maintain or improve soil condition. <input type="checkbox"/> To improve or maintain the quantity and quality of food and/or cover available for wildlife. <input type="checkbox"/> To manage fine fuel loads to achieve desired conditions										
Associated Practices											
<p>This practice may be applied alone or in combination with other supporting Delaware conservation practice standards.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> The following practices are needed, and have been or will be implemented: (check all that apply) <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Access Control (472)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Pest Management (595)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Brush Management (314)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management (590)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fence (382)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Forage and Biomass Planting (512)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Watering Facility (614)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Weed Control (315)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other practices (specify):</td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> No associated practices are needed.		<input type="checkbox"/> Access Control (472)	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Pest Management (595)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brush Management (314)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management (590)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fence (382)	<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forage and Biomass Planting (512)	<input type="checkbox"/> Watering Facility (614)	<input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Weed Control (315)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other practices (specify):
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Practice Specifications											
Prescribed Grazing Layout and Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan attached										
<p>This practice will be implemented according to a prescribed grazing plan, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Producer's Goals and Objectives - including whether expansion is planned. ✓ Plan Map - field numbers, acres, planned pasture layout, and other components of the grazing system. ✓ Soils Map - plus map unit descriptions, productivity groups, and yield potential, as appropriate. ✓ Resource Inventory - including but not limited to: (1) Number and types of livestock, pastured acres, and tillable acres; (2) Condition of existing forage (include a completed Pasture Condition Score sheet); and, (3) Resource concerns and enhancement opportunities, including the location and condition of existing structural facilities such as buildings, fences, and watering systems. ✓ Forage Production - expected forage quality, quantity, and species of forage in each management unit. ✓ Animal Requirements - monthly and annual livestock feed demand. ✓ Forage Balance - forage produced meets forage demand of livestock. ✓ Grazing Guidance - recommended grazing heights (in/out of paddocks), grazing periods, rest periods, and other treatment activities for each management unit. ✓ Contingency Plan - guidelines for adjusting the grazing prescription during drought, excessive wetness, etc. ✓ Monitoring Plan/Recordkeeping - assess the effectiveness of the practice and maintain documentation. 											

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Operation and Maintenance (check all that apply; also refer to the Prescribed Grazing Plan and Fact Sheet)		
<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use prescribed grazing on a continuing basis throughout the occupation period of all planned grazing units. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect the entire management area at least annually to determine whether the desired vegetation is present in suitable quantity, quality, and distribution to meet prescribed grazing objectives. Based on the evaluation, adjust grazing periods or livestock numbers if stocking rates endanger the productivity of the forage species. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manage grazing to limit damage to the forage crop. This is especially critical during periods when fields are wet and compaction can occur, such as during late winter. Move livestock to a feedlot or designated sacrifice area in times of very wet soil or drought conditions to protect the integrity of the pasture plants. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Soil test all pastures and hay fields at least every 2 to 3 years. Apply soil amendments periodically, based on soil test results, to meet desired yield goals, promote plant regrowth, and help maintain the life of the stand. The use of commercial fertilizer and other forms of plant nutrients must be in compliance with Delaware nutrient management regulations </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clip and drag pastures as needed to initiate vegetative regrowth, and/or control undesirable plant species and better distribute nutrients. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> To the extent feasible, “spot” spray or mow to control weeds, so that desirable plants are not destroyed unnecessarily. Noxious weeds must be controlled as required by state law. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where wildlife habitat is a concern, reduce grazing during critical nesting periods. Use only light grazing pressure during the nesting season (April 15 to August 15), and do not graze below 6 inches to maintain habitat for ground-nesting birds. Where feasible, graze only one-third of the stand each year, or leave ungrazed strips at least 35 feet wide along field edges to provide undisturbed nesting habitat. For optimum results, ungrazed strips should be at least 50 feet wide, preferably adjacent to woody cover, or leave the entire field ungrazed during the primary nesting season. To provide winter cover, allow sufficient recovery time in the fall so that the stand is at least 8 inches in height before dormancy. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate hazards from pastures that may injure livestock, such as loose wires, other hardware, old post holes or animal burrows, and downed trees or heavy limbs. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain all facilitating practices (e.g., fences, watering facilities, etc.) in good working order. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Renovate and/or re-seed pastures if the stand is undesirable or unable to meet system needs. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Time of year or frequency of use restrictions, if any (list): </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Other requirements or follow-up needed (describe): </div>		
Plan Approval		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date
Plan Received and Accepted		
Client Signature	Date	
Certification of Practice Completion		
This Prescribed Grazing Practice has been implemented and meets the requirements of Delaware NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 528. Any changes to the planned practice are noted in Practice Specifications.		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date